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From my own APARTMENT.

HE following Encomium of PRUDILLA's *Letter* and *Parody** I look upon to be a Sort of gentle *Reproof* to Myself, for the Notice I took of certain *orthographical Tokens*. Therein I aſk the Lady's Pardon, if it was any *Offence*; and hope to make ſome *Atonement* by putting it in her Way to come to an *Eclaircisſement* with one Man, who fairly offers to become *intelligible*. I proteſt againſt any *ſiniſter Interpretation* of my Readineſs to oblige my old Correſpondent PERIANDER, as I do not intend by it to give the leaſt Countenance to the faſhionable Practice of *advertiſing for Conſorts*. As to the reſt, I can only ſay that TORRISMOND has a *fair Challenge* in the *Poſtſcript*.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Norwich, June* 4, 1744.

I Think nothing is more becoming a *Woman of Senſe* than to employ ſome Part of her Time in improving her *Underſtanding*; which too many of them ſpend in *doing nothing*. I don't mean by this that I would have the Ladies *immure* themſelves in their Cloſets; poring over *huge Folios*, or perpetually *ſcribling*; for by this Means they would contract a *pedantic Auſterity*, deſtructive to that *Sweetneſs* and *Affability* which are ſo great an Addition to their *other Charms*: But when a Lady, endu'd with good Senſe, endeavours (by reading *proper Authors*) to improve it, how agreeable is her *Company*! how enliv'ning her *Converſation*! For,

—— Wit *like* Beauty *triumphs o'er the Heart,*
When more of Nature's *ſenſe, and leſs of* Art. PRIOR.

Anſwerable to this Character is the Lady who ſigns PRUDILLA; at leaſt in *my Opinion*, who am an entire Stranger to her. She ſeems to have *read*, and to have *improv'd* by reading: And if the *Orthography* and *Numbers* were ſomewhat faulty, I think the Thoughts are well expreſs'd both in the *Letter* and *Parody*.

I muſt now, Sir, beg leave to be indulg'd a few Obſervations in regard to the *Complaint* PRUDILLA makes in her Letter, which is very *juſtly ſtated*. I know ſeveral *young Fellows* who take great Pains to introduce themſelves into the *Company* of the *Ladies*, commend their *every Charm*, and vow the *ſtrongeſt Paſſion*: But when they ſhould come to an *Eclairciſſement*, if they can't find Means to *defer* it, break off their *Acquaintance*. This I have often cenſur'd them for; to which their Anſwer in general was, that the *Ladies lov'd Flattery*. I muſt confeſs this puzzles me much, that the *Fair Sex*, who are of ſo *quick a Genius*, ſhould not reſent it as an *Affront* to their Underſtanding.

For my Part, I ſhould think myſelf extremely happy in a Perſon who *thinks* and *reaſons* like PRUDILLA:

With her *I'd boldly meet the Storms of Life,*
Poſſeſs'd of all my Wiſh in ſuch a Wife.

If you think proper to inſert the above, you'll farther oblige

Your humble Servant,
PERIANDER.

P. S. I am ſurpriz'd my Friend TORRISMOND, who is now at *London*, has not favour'd you lately with a Letter, which he had begun before he left us.

To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

SIR,

THE *Silence* of moſt of the *Poets*, upon the Death of their Great *Maſter*, puts me in Mind of theſe Lines of his, in his Verſes to the *Memory of an Unfortunate Young Lady*.

Poets *themſelves muſt fall, like thoſe they ſung;*
Deaf the prais'd Ear, and mute the tuneful Tongue.
Ev'n he, whoſe Soul now melts in mournful Lays,
Shall ſhortly want the generous Tear he pays.

When the Report was ſpread that Mr. POPE was *no more*, I expected that at leaſt *thirty Pens* would have been inſtantly at Work to celebrate his Memory: But that I was miſtaken is now plain, becauſe, tho' a *Fortnight* be already paſſed ſince this Gentleman's Deceaſe has been known *for certain*, we have had but *one Eſſay* of this Kind yet *publiſhed*.

Reflecting ſeriouſly upon this Silence, *two Reaſons* for it have occur'd to my Mind, *one* or the *other* of which, I dare ſay, has had ſome Weight with every *Poetical Perſon* in the Kingdom.

The *firſt* is, a very high Senſe of Mr. POPE's *great Merit*, and the Conſciouſneſs of an *Inability* of doing *Juſtice* to his Name.—This, I conceive, is the Motive that prevails with thoſe who are *moſt equal* to the Taſk, the *Apprehenſion* of whoſe Incenſe would have given him no *Uneaſineſs* in his laſt Moments.

The *other Reaſon* my Fancy ſuggeſts to me is, a *real Joy* that there is nothing more to fear from his *formidable Satire*.—*Mournful Elegy* cannot flow from a Breaſt *exulting with Pleaſure*. The *Republic* Mr. POPE *tyranniſed over* is now preſumed to be *free*, and every Poet, good or bad, may write without Fear of being *embalmed* in Verſe that will deſcend to Poſterity.

If you either think with me, or can aſſign any other Cauſe for the Silence in Queſtion, I deſire you to publiſh it for my Satisfaction, who am your conſtant Reader.

D. C.

From my own APARTMENT.

I Can only tell this Correſpondent, that *Indolence* to begin, or *great Exactneſs* in executing ſuch a Work as he expects, ſeem to me *better Reaſons* than what he has aſſigned with thoſe who are able to *do Juſtice* to this Character.—But this is Conjecture only.—

It muſt be ſome Conſolation to all the Lovers of *Engliſh Poetry*, that, under its preſent *Loſs*, it is not wholly *deprived*. The Author of the *Univerſal Paſſion* is yet alive, and alive to the *Muſes*. Several other *Wits*, who before had deſerted the *Liſts* without Hope of the *chief Prize*, may now re-enter with ſome *Confidence*. More than one *Genius* has lately appear'd, and given Promiſe of a large *Harveſt* of Reputation, if not diverted from the flowery Paths of *Parnaſſus* into ſome Road that is more *profitable*.

But among the ſeveral Pieces that have lately ſeen the Light, there *is one* that I cannot prevail on myſelf to let paſs unnoticed: It is the *Gymnaſiad, or Boxing-Match*; *a very ſhort, but very curious Epic Poem*. Whether we conſider the *Subject*, which has in Truth much of the Air of *Antiquity*, or the reputed *Author*, already long known on the Records of Fame, it moſt certainly deſerves this *Diſtinction*.

VIRGIL's *Boxing-Match is* indeed but an *Epiſode* to his larger Epic Poem: But the Author of the *Gymnaſiad* has convinced us, that the *leſſer Epic* may be content with an Encounter ſimilar to that of *Dares* and *Entellus* for its principal Story. And that the *fighting of two Engliſh Champions* may not be as meritorious with the Muſe, as the *Race of two Grecian Cars*, from which PINDAR takes ſome of his moſt lofty Flights, is an Opinion that, if maintained, will hardly be excuſed from *Prejudice*. We ſee that many of the *Great* are already become *Patrons* of theſe *Athletic Exerciſes*, tho' I have not heard that any Man of Quality has yet *performed* in them, as of old in the *Olympic Races*.

When I mentioned the Air of *Antiquity* in this Poem, I ſhould have conſider'd indeed that Mr. ***'s Spectators do not exactly agree with the *Simplicity* of one of HOMER's Aſſemblies.

As from their Hive the cluſtring Squadrons pour,
O'er fragrant Meads, to ſip the vernal Flow'r:
So from each Inn the legal Swarms impel,
Of banded Seers, and Pupils of the Quill.
Senates and Shambles pour forth all their Store,
Mindful of Mutton, and of Laws no more:
E'en Money Bills, uncourtly, now muſt wait,
And the fat Lamb has one Day more to bleat.
The High-way Knight now draws his Piſtol's Load,
Reſts his faint Steed, and this Day ſtanks the Road.
Bailiffs, in Crouds, neglect the dormant Writ,
And give another Sunday to the Wit:
He too would hie; but, ah! his Fortunes frown;
Alas! the fatal Paſſport's Half a Crown.

B. I. v. 19—32.

I take no Notice of the Author's *vageiſh* Sneer, in the laſt Couplet, upon the *tuneful Profeſſion*; as his own Remarks, *upon* the Lines that precede, ſhew him to be *no Reſpecter of Perſons*. His *Preparation* of his Heroes for the Combat, and the *Horror* of the Spectators, muſt be allow'd to have a *Dignity* equal to the Characters.

—— The Heroes for the Fight prepare,
Brace their big Limbs, and brawny Bodies bare.
The ſturdy Sinews all aghaſt behold,
And ample Shoulders of *Atlaan* Mould.
Like *Titan's* Offſpring, who 'gainſt Heaven ſtrove,
So each, tho' mortal, ſeem'd a Match for Jove.
Now round the Ring a ſilent Horror reigns,
Speechleſs each Tongue, and bloodleſs all their Veins.

B. II. v. 63—70.

What can be more Majeſtic than his Deſcription of the firſt Fall that BROUGHTON gives STEPHENSON? which is the laſt Extract I ſhall make from this ſhort Poem.

Now grapling, both in cloſe Contention join,
Legs lock in Legs, and Arms in Arms entwine;
They ſweat, they heave; each tugging Nerve the ſtrain.
Both fix'd as Oaks, their ſturdy Trunks ſuſtain.
At length the Chief his wily Art diſplay'd;
Forc'd on his Hip the hapleſs Youth he laid:
Aloft in Air his quiv'ring Limbs he throw'd,
Then on the Ground down daſh'd the pond'rous Load.
So ſome vaſt Ruin on a Mountain's Brow,
Which tott'ring hangs, and dreadful nods below,
When the fierce Tempeſt the Foundation rends,
Whirl'd thro' the Air with horrid Cruſh deſcends.

B. III. v. 23—34.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Florence, May 26. By Letters receiv'd this Morning, of the 9th Inſtant, from Prince Lobkowitz's Army from Monte Rotondo, we have an Account, that the two firſt Columns were then arriv'd there; and, by Letters of the 23d, that the whole Army had paſs'd the Tyber, and was then aſſembled there; and that Prince Lobkowitz only waited the Arrival of the heavy Cannon, and ſome few Hungarians and Lycanians that were left in Lombardy to march on towards Naples: That the Spaniards were march'd back into that Kingdom, and made all poſſible Diſpoſitions to diſpute the Entrance on the Confines, particularly at Agnani and Froſinone: That their Camp at the former Place extends three Miles: That the King of Naples was expected there on the 22d: That the Duke d'Atriſco, with the Cavalry, is at Val Montone, whence he made Appearance as if he would advance to Zagarola, having order'd 10,000 Rations of Bread: That the Diviſion among the principal Officers is ſo great, that M. Caſtropignano refuſed to obey the Orders of M. de Gages, and retir'd to Naples; and Count Colobrano, on the ſame Account, was put under Arreſt: That the Deſertion from their Army begun to be very conſiderable: That in the Retreat of the Detachment commanded by the Duke d'Atriſco, the Rear Guard of 50 Miquelets came over to the Auſtrians: That the next Day a Captain with his whole Company follow'd their Example; and few Days paſs'd but ſome Hundreds arriv'd at the Auſtrian Camp, notwithſtanding the Examples that were made of many [illegible] that in the Provinces of the Eccleſiaſtical State [illegible] Confines, a conſiderable Number are to be [illegible] upon the Trees to terrify others. We hear [illegible] na, that, on the 21ſt Inſtant, in Conſequence [illegible] Orders given to the Auſtrian Garriſons in Lombardy, that of Mirandola, conſiſting of about 800 Men, [illegible] near the Walls of Bologna, on their March to join

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Prince Lobkowitz's Army. That of Parma was alſo in March, and is to be follow'd by thoſe of the other Fortreſſes. The Citizens of the reſpective Places are appointed to perform the Duties in Lieu of thoſe Garriſons.

From the Head Quarters of the Confederate Army at Berleghem Caſtle near Oudenarde, June 10.

The 31ſt of May the Britiſh and Hanoverian Troops decamp'd from the Neighbourhood of Aſche, in two Columns, one paſſing through Aloſt, and the other by the Bridge at Arenbadegem. They encamp'd, the Right at Borſbeek, and the Left at Erpe. The ſame Day the Auſtrians and Dutch march'd from the ſame Place, and encamp'd near Ninove. The Day following the Britiſh and Hanoverian Troops march'd in one Column from the Camp at Borſbeek, and encamp'd, the Right at Marie Latnem, and the Left at Velſeck, having the River Swallme in the Front, and being two Leagues from Oudenarde. The ſame Day the Dutch and Auſtrians march'd from the Neighbourhood of Ninove, and encamp'd half way to Oudenarde, leaving Grammont on the Left.

The 2d of June the ſaid Troops purſu'd their March, and encamp'd within half a League of Oudenarde, where they now remain. By this Poſition all the Troops can join in very few Hours.

Soon after the Troops arriv'd in the foreſaid Camp, it was reſolv'd to throw ſeveral Bridges of Boats over the Schelde, in purſuance of which the Engliſh made two at Gavre, (which is half way between Ghent and Oudenarde) where a Work was thrown up on the other Side to cover them. They likewiſe prepar'd another Place to erect a third Bridge over the Schelde, when requir'd, over which River the Auſtrians and Dutch have likewiſe laid ſeveral Pontons at Neder-Ename, and the Banks have been ſloped in ſeveral Places, in order to throw over other Bridges when Occaſion ſhall require.

The Auſtrian Huſſars have been detach'd to ſcour the Country, and have render'd themſelves ſo formidable to the French, that their Parties dare not come within three or four Leagues of our Camp.

June 11. Yeſterday thirty of our Huſſars ſurrounded a Caſtle, where a Party of French Foot had retir'd, and threaten'd to ſet Fire to it, whereupon they ſurrender'd their Arms to the Huſſars, and had Liberty to return to their Camp at Harlbeck, on a Capitulation that they ſhould not ſerve in the Field this Campaign. This Treaty was in Latin, and wrote with Chalk. Upon the 6th the French inveſted Ypres. On the 9th, 164 Carts laden with Cannon Ball, each of 24 lb. Weight, and 78 Pieces of Cannon of that Bore, ſet out from Menin towards Ypres, as did at the ſame time 28 Carts laden with Powder, eight Barrels to a Cart. His Highneſs the Prince of Heſſe, as ſoon as he perceiv'd the French approaching, order'd the Cannon to be fir'd at them. We hear that a Detachment from the Army under the Count de Saxe, conſiſting of 15,000 Men, march'd towards Fort Knocque upon the 8th. The French King's Quarters are at Flamertinguen. The French work Day and Night to repair the Fortifications at Menin, at which Place, during the late Siege, only the Convent of the Capuchins was burnt, and the Top of the Pavillion that looks towards Ypres very much damag'd. There was no Breach made in the Walls, but the Bridges and the Barriers were entirely deſtroy'd. The firſt Captain of the firſt Battalion of French Guards is appointed Governor there. The Army of Obſervation under Count de Saxe is encamp'd in the Road from Courtray to Ghent, on the Right Hand of the Cauſey, with the Lis behind: They conſiſt of 20 Battalions and 28 Squadrons. We hear from Namur, that there are eight Squadrons encamp'd at Fer le Grand, near Maubeuge; four of the Regiment Dauphin Etranger; and four of the Regiment of Braigne; that a Regiment of Huſſars is expected there very ſoon, and that the ſaid Camp is to be reinforced with other Troops from the Side of la Capelle. A Detachment of 100 Troopers came lately from Valenciennes to reconnoitre the Sambre, which they accordingly did from Maubeuge to la Buſſiere.

Extract of a private Letter from the Hague, June 13.

'Our Politicks were never more embarraſs'd than 'they are at preſent, inſomuch that the wiſeſt People 'here know not what Judgment to paſs on the preſent 'State of Things. The Province of Utrecht is as firm 'as ever in a total Oppoſition to the preſent Meaſures 'of the States General, becauſe in their Judgment the 'real Intereſt of this Republick has given way to the 'Glory of ſupporting the Common Cauſe, and to other 'Notions, which, in the Sentiments of moſt of the 'States in Europe, are altogether Chimerical.

'The States of Frieſland again are as much out of 'Humour, becauſe the Prince of Orange is not declar'd 'General of Foot, and Commander in Chief of the 'Forces employ'd in the Field this Campaign; and tho' 'they are extremely warm for the Support of the Queen 'of Hungary, and the vigorous carrying on the War, 'yet they are abſolutely determin'd to thwart both if 'they cannot obtain Satisfaction in this favourite Meaſure.

'Some timorous Politicians, from conſidering theſe 'Things too attentively, are ready to deſert their own 'Principles; for tho' they think War with France both 'juſt and neceſſary, yet are they ſo much afraid of entering into a War, while our Councils are thus divided, that they would chuſe rather a Peace upon 'indifferent Terms, than in ſuch Circumſtances to 'hazard the Conſequences that may attend a ſingle Defeat: A few Days however will decide our Fate, and 'all Europe, as well as ourſelves will ſee how far this 'Republick is to be depended upon.'

IRELAND.

Dublin, June 2. The Rev. John Crampton, M. A. Curate of St. Andrew, Dublin, Chaplain to his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Tuam, is collated by his Grace to the Prebend of Kilmainmore, and the united Pariſhes of Kilmainmore, Kilmain Regmoorgragh, and Kilmolara, in the County of Mayo, and Dioceſe of Tuam, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Evan Jones.

Yeſterday a Goldſmith was try'd at the King's Bench Bar, upon an Indictment at Common Law, as a publick Cheat, for making Silver Buckles of baſe Metal, and affixing to them ſmall Pieces of fine Silver, in order to get them ſtamp'd as Sterling; and was convicted thereof upon full and clear Evidence.

Dublin, June 5. Yeſterday, at a General Meeting of the Phyſico-Hiſtorical Society, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kildare, the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſs, and a great Number of Gentlemen, were enter'd as Members: An Order was alſo made for a particular Survey of the North Part of the County of Dublin, and the Counties of Meath and Weſtmeath, to examine and record every thing curious that may be diſcover'd worthy of the Knowledge of the Publick; in the ſame Manner they intend to proceed throughout the whole Kingdom.

Laſt Week died at Limerick, Alderman Vincent, Keeper of the Stores in that City for the Truſtees of the Linnen Manufacture.

Laſt Wedneſday died, at his Country Seat, Edward Bond, of Bondvil in the County of Armagh, Eſq; much lamented by all that knew him, as he was a Gentleman of good Underſtanding, great Affability, and one of the greateſt Planters of his Time: He was a warm, active and ſincere Friend, well ſkill'd in the Buſineſs of his Country, and induſtrious in ſeeking and promoting the Intereſt of it; and, in the Capacity of Juſtice of the Peace, a prudent but ſteady, mild but unbiaſs'd and uncorrupted Magiſtrate. He order'd his Funeral ſhould be private, and inſtead of Pomp, he left 100 l. to the Poor. He deſir'd a Dial to be erected above the Grave, under which are to be the following Verſes:

No Marble Pomp, no Monumental Praiſe;
My Tomb this Dial; Epitaph theſe Lays.
Pride and low mould'ring Clay but ill agree,
Death levels me to Beggars; Kings to me.
Alive, Inſtruction was my Work each Day;
Dead, I perſiſt Inſtruction to convey.
Here Reader mark (perhaps now in thy Prime)
The ſtealing Steps of never ſtanding Time:
Thou'l be what I am; catch the preſent Hours;
Employ that well, for that's within thy Power.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, June 5. Laſt Friday three Gentlemen and a Boy, Paſſengers on board the St. Hereuſe, the French Prize lately brought into Clyde, came Priſoners to this Caſtle; they are uſed with the greateſt Humanity; the Captain and Officers are hourly expected, in order to be Evidences before the High Court of Admiralty, to be held this Day for her Condemnation.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, June 9. Tueſday at Midnight was ſeen in the Weſt, by many Inhabitants in this City, a ſurpriſing large Body of Light, reſembling that of the late Comet, but much larger in its Body, and the Tail exceeding bright, but broad and ſhort.

Falmouth, June 2. There is brought in here a French Privateer of ſix Carriage and ſix Swivel Guns, and 70 Men: She was taken by the Adventure Privateer, Capt. Jornell, of Portſmouth, who kill'd ten of the French, dangerouſly wounded four, and the Captain ſhot thro' the Arm, after a ſmart Engagement of four Hours. The Norton Privateer of Portſmouth was in Company, but had no Share in the Action.

Plymouth, June 5. This Day about 50 Men belonging to the Privateer abovemention'd were brought to our Priſon. There are now in our Sound two Privateers belongng to London, viz. the Surprize of 20 Guns and 130 Men, and the Salamander of 16 Guns.

We have ſince heard that the Engliſh Privateer had four Men kill'd and five wounded in the above Engagement.

Plymouth, June 8. Juſt now came in the George, Miller, from Carolina for London, who met with his Majeſty's Ships the Hampton-Court and Cheſter, with the Eaſt-India Men under their Convoy, the 31ſt of May, to the Weſtward of the Lizard, but don't ſay how far, and all well on board. Came in his Majeſty's Ships the Prince Frederick and Dreadnought, and brought in with them the Reſtoration, Edward Randolph, of and for London from Virginia; who was taken the 2d of June, 18 Leagues W. S. W. of Scilly, by a French Privateer of 18 Guns and 200 Men. The Reſtoration fought an Hour, and kill'd ſeveral of the Privateer's Men. She was retaken the 5th of June, 12 Leagues from the Lizard, by the above Ships. Capt. Randolph is on board and well.

Exon, June 5. A three Maſt Schooner, of 200 Tons, hath been within a League of our Bar for three Days: She is ſuppos'd to be a Spaniſh Privateer, and gives Uneaſineſs to thoſe near the Sea-ſide; but as yet they have done no Miſchief.

Brentford, June 4. Laſt Thurſday Morning about ſeven o'Clock, as ſome Labourers were ſinking an old Well in a Garden about 30 Foot deep, thoſe above perceiving the Ground to give way called to the Man at the Bottom of the Well to haſten up, but inſtantly the Bricks and the Earth round them ſunk down, and fell altogether into the Well, and filled it up to the Top. One of the Men above fell in with the Earth, but not being quite cover'd, was preſently got out again.

They all believ'd the other Man to be kill'd by the Bricks and Earth, which they ſaid they ſaw fall upon him, ſo made no haſte to dig him out; until the Rumour of the Accident reached the Town, where many other Mechanicks happen'd to be at work, who immediately went to the Place, with Baſkets, Ladders, &c. and dug out the Earth with ſo much Expedition, that about two in the Afternoon they heard the poor Man groan, which made them double their Diligence, and ſend for a Surgeon, who with the Miniſter of the Pariſh, and the Officer of the Regiment upon Duty there, and other Gentlemen, encourag'd the Men at work, and collected 34 s. About four they diſcover'd his Hat and Head, and made Room for him to breathe freely; about five he was got out, and walked up the Ladder, and above 200 Yards; was put into a warm Bed, and proper Care taken of him. He felt exceedingly cold, his Face, Body, and Legs, all over of a Livid Colour, and had little or no Pulſe.

He ſaid he remember'd, when he ſaw the Bricks tumbling down, that he held up his Arms to cover his Face; and that for about a Quarter of an Hour, as near as he could judge, he felt himſelf exceedingly hot, in a great Swear, and like Drops running down all over his Face and Body, his Tongue ſwell'd out of his Mouth, and his Body ready to burſt; that he ſtruggled very hard for Breath a great while, and at laſt he broke Wind plentifully, and ſoon after found himſelf eaſier, and then began to grow cold, and continued ſo all the Time after; that when he heard them begin to dig above for him, he was greatly rejoiced, and believ'd he ſhould hold out 'till Night; that he knew their Voices, and that he twice heard the Striking of the Clock.

He has no Bones broke, nor no large Wounds, only his Head much bruiſed and ſwelled, by the great Weight that lay ſo long upon it; he made bloody Water the firſt Night, but leſs ſo ever ſince, and ſeems in a fair Way to recover.

LONDON.

Laſt Monday being the Anniverſary of his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne, who then enter'd into the eighteenth Year of his Reign, the Morning was uſher'd in with ringing of Bells, at Noon there was a moſt ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility and Gentry to pay their Compliments to his Majeſty at Kenſington on that Occaſion: At one o'Clock the Park and Tower Guns were fir'd, and the Evening concluſed with Bonfires, Illuminations, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy throughout the Cities of London and Weſtminſter.

On Monday the Commiſſioners of the Land Tax for the Cities of London and Weſtminſter met at their reſpective Diviſions, and gave Inſtructions to the Conſtables and other Officers, not to impreſs any more Men for his Majeſty's Service 'till further Orders.

The following Regiments are order'd to embark with all poſſible Expedition for Flanders, viz. Barrell's, Mordaunt's, Price's, Cholmondeley's, Fleming's, and Lord Harry Beauclerk's.

An Order is ſent from the War-Office for embarking 1000 Horſes immediately for the ſame Place.

It was on Tuesday currently reported, that the Master of one of the Rotterdam Traders, arriv'd on Tuesday Morning affirm'd, that their High Mightinesses the States-General declar'd War against France last Saturday.

Last Saturday 100 Carriages, loaded with Powder, and 80 Carriages for Cannon, went thro' the Borough of Southwark from the Tower for Gravesend, in order to be shipp'd for the Service of the British Forces in Flanders.

We hear that a Number of Ships, sufficient to transport £000 Foot to Flanders, are order'd to be got ready with all Expedition.

The Equipages of the Generals Read and Oglethorpe are getting ready to be sent to Flanders, where those two Officers are going to make a Campaign.

There are near 300 Workmen employ'd in building a new Victualling-Office at Deptford, which is to be compleated with all Expedition.

Capt. Davis is appointed a Commissioner of the Navy, in the room of John Fawler, Esq; lately deceas'd.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint —— Rolt, Esq; Brother of Edmund Baynton Rolt, Esq; Member of Parliament for Chippenham in Wilts, to be an Exempt in the First Troop of Life-Guards.

Last Saturday the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Mr. Arnold Cooper to be Store-keeper of all Yards, Masts, Cordage, &c. that is or shall be made use of for his Majesty's Service.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Mr. Sedgwick to be Paymaster of Portsmouth Yard.

The Right Hon. the Lord Walpole, Auditor of his Majesty's Exchequer, has appointed Mr. Clift to succeed Mr. Clarke, in the Annuity Office, who by his Lordship's Order is to succeed Edmund Ball, Esq; lately deceas'd.

On Sunday Mr. Michael Ellison, a West-India Merchant at Greenwich, was married at Newington in Surrey to Miss Amey Frith, Daughter and Heiress of the late Dr. Frith, formerly an eminent Surgeon and Man-midwife at Canterbury; a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000 l. After the Ceremony was over the new married Couple set out for Hampton-Court to celebrate their Nuptials.

Last Monday died, at his House in Katherine-Wheel Yard, St. James's, Mr. William Stuart, belonging to his Majesty's Houshold; whose Place, of 100 l. per Annum, is in the Gift of his Grace the Duke of Dorset.

A few Days since died of a Consumption, in the 22d Year of his Age, at his Lodgings near Kentish Town, Henry Reynell, Esq; Grandson to the Hon. Sir Richard Reynell, Bart. late Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland, and lineally descended from Sir Richard Reynell, of Pyttney, in the County of Somerset, Knt. (being one of the most antient Families in the West of England) who was made Captain of the Castles of Exeter and Launceston by King John, in the Year 1191, and for his Bravery in defending the same against the Attempts of the Duke of York (the King's Brother) was Knighted, and had the Castle Walls given him for Arms, which are still borne by that Family: He died a Batchelor, and, as we hear, has given his Estate equally between his four Sisters.

Last Wednesday se'nnight the Rev. Mr. Prescott, Master of Katherine-Hall in Cambridge, and Prebendary of Norwich, was elected, by the Dean and Chapter, Minister of Great Yarmouth in Norfolk, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Macro, deceas'd.

Last Saturday a Presentation pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hicks to hold the Rectory of Washingworth, in the County of Bedford and Diocese of Lincoln.

Monday Morning, about one o'Clock, a Fire broke out in a Malt Warehouse in Coal-Harbour-Lane, belonging to Sir William Calvert and Comp. Brewers, adjoining to the Brewhouse, which burnt with great Fury above two Hours, and consum'd that with three others, in which were 4000 Quarters of Malt, besides a large Quantity of Hops, &c. and very much damag'd the Brewhouse, the Loss of which is computed at 15,000 l. The Dwelling House was preserv'd, as were likewise several Granaries and Store-houses, by the immediate Assistance of some Engines. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was present at the Fire, and gave Encouragement to the Firemen and others to do their Duty; as was likewise the Lord Mayor and several other Persons of Distinction.

Tuesday Morning about One o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Warehouse of Mr. Wyvall, a Tobacconist in Little Distaff-Lane, which burnt most Part of the same, and a great Quantity of Tobacco, before it could be extinguish'd.

Yesterday se'nnight Henry Cole was executed at Tyburn, for returning from Transportation; his Body was carried off by a Company of Sailors, who attended for that Purpose.

On Saturday last a Special Jury, consisting of the Principal Inhabitants of Christ Church, Newgate-street, summon'd by Virtue of a Warrant from John King, Esq; Coroner of the City of London, met to enquire into the Death of Thomas Wyton, who was to have been executed last Friday se'nnight at Tyburn, but hang'd himself in his Cell in Newgate on Thursday Night. Upon examining some of the Persons who had the Care of him in his Cell, it appear'd, that he had often declared, whilst under Sentence of Death, that he would never be publickly hang'd; and that he had been chain'd down to the Floor for endeavouring to make his Escape; on which the Jury found that he was guilty of *Self-Murder*; and he was therefore, last Sunday in the Afternoon, buried in the Cross-Road near the Hare and Hounds in Old-street Road, by particular Order, it being a House that Wyton formerly kept.

Monday Morning as Mr. Bolton, a young Gentleman, who lives in Cavendish-Square, was going home in a Coach, he was attack'd in Tyburn-Road by seven Footpads, who robb'd him of four Pounds in Money, a Silver Watch, a Silver-hilted Sword, his Silver Shoe and Knee Buckles, and his Hat; after which they made off.

Last Friday se'nnight Mary Lloyd was committed to Newgate, by the Right Hon. Sir Robert Westley, Knt. Lord Mayor, for uttering false and counterfeit Coin, in the Parish of St. Sepulchre, London, knowing it to be so.——This, by a late Statute, is Felony without Benefit of Clergy, she having a great Parcel of bad Money found upon her.

Circuits appointed for the Summer Assizes.

NORFOLK CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Justice Lee, Mr. Justice Chappell.

Buckingham, Monday, July 9, at Buckingham.
Bedford, Thursday, July 12, at Bedford.
Huntingdon, Saturday, July 14, at Huntingdon.
Cambridge, Monday, July 16, at the Castle of Cambridge.
Suffolk, Thursday, July 19, at Bury St. Edmonds.
Norfolk, Monday, July 23, at the Castle of Norwich.
City of *Norwich*, and County of the same, the same Day at the New Hall of the said City.

HOME CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Justice Willes, Mr. Baron Reynolds.

Hertford, Tuesday, July 3, at Hertford.
Essex, Tuesday, July 10, at Chelmsford.
Kent, Tuesday, July 17, at Rochester.
Sussex, Monday, July 23, at Horsham.
Surrey, Wednesday, July 25, at Croydon.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Baron Parker, Mr. Serjeant Birch.

Southampton, Tuesday, July 3, at the Castle of Winchester.
Wilts, Saturday, July 7, at New Sarum.
Dorset, Thursday, July 12, at Dorchester.
City and County of *Exeter*, Monday, July 16, at the Guildhall of the said City.
Devon, The same Day at the Castle of Exeter.
Cornwall, Tuesday, July 24, at Bodmin.
Somerset, Tuesday, July 31, at Bridgwater.
City and County of *Bristol*, Monday, August 6, at the Guildhall of the said City.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Mr. Baron Carter, Mr. Justice Denison.

Northampton, Tuesday, July 3, at Northampton.
Rutland, Friday, July 6, at Oakham.
Lincoln, Monday, July 9, at the Castle of Lincoln.
City of *Lincoln*, the same Day, at the said City.
Nottinghamshire, Thursday, July 12, at Nottingham.
Town of *Nottingham*, Friday, July 14, at Nottingham.
Derbyshire, Saturday, July 14, at Derby.
Leicester, Wednesday, July 18, at the Castle of Leicester.
Borough of *Leicester*, Thursday, July 19, at the said Borough.
City of *Coventry*, Saturday, July 21, at Coventry.
Warwick, the same Day, at Warwick.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Wright, Mr. Justice Abney.

Berks, Monday, July 2, at Abingdon.
Oxford, Wednesday, July 4, at Oxford.
Gloucester, Saturday, July 7, at Gloucester.
City of *Gloucester*, the same Day at the City of Gloucester.
Monmouth, Thursday, July 12, at Monmouth.
Hereford, Saturday, July 14, at Hereford.
Salop, Friday, July 20, at Shrewsbury.
Stafford, Wednesday, July 25, at Stafford.
Worcester, Saturday, July 28, at Worcester.
City of *Worcester*, the same Day at the City of Worcester.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Burnet, Mr. Baron Clarke.

City of *York*, Monday, July 9, at the Guildhall of the said City.
County of *York*, the same Day at the Castle of York.
Durham, Thursday, July 19, at the Castle of Durham.
Town of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Monday, July 29, at the Guildhall of the said Town.
Northumberland, the same Day at the Castle of Newcastle upon Tyne.
Cumberland, Tuesday, July 31, at Carlisle.
Westmoreland, Monday, August 6, at Appleby.
Lancaster, Friday, Aug. 10, at the Castle of Lancaster.

CHESTER CIRCUIT.

Appointed by Matthew Skinner, Esq; one of his Majesty's Serjeants at Law, Chief Justice, and the Hon. John Talbot, Esq; the other Justice.

Montgomeryshire, Tuesday, July 24, at Pool.
Denbighshire, Monday, July 30, at Ruthin.
Flintshire, Saturday, August 4, at Flint.
Cheshire, Friday, August 10, at Chester.

NORTH-WALES.

Rogers Holland and Thomas Martyn, Esqrs.

Anglesea, Monday, July 30, at Beaumaris.
Carnarvon, Saturday, August 4, at Carnarvon.
Merioneth, Saturday, August 11, at Bala.

A Letter from the Surgeon on board the Northumberland says, that they were attack'd by three French Men of War, one of sixty-eight Guns and 700 Men, one of sixty-four Guns and 650 Men, and a Frigate of twenty Guns and 230 Men; the two large Ships lay along-side of her board and board, and the Frigate under her Stern. The Fight lasted four Hours very furiously; she lost all her Masts; the Captain was kill'd the first Broadside, and two of his Lieutenants during the Continuance of the Action, the third Lieutenant only survives; they lost a great Number of Men. The French Commodore, when he came on board the Northumberland, seeing one of the Lieutenants expiring of his Wounds, crying over him; such Concern did the unhappy Fate of that brave Man raise in the Breast of his gallant Enemy.

The Samuel Warden, and another Ship, from South-Carolina for London, were lately taken by the French, and afterwards retaken by the Triumph Privateer, Capt. Cooke, of London, and carry'd into Lisbon.

Monday came Advice that the Stafford, Perry, from Gottenburgh for Liverpool, was taken the third Instant by a French Privateer, call'd the Susanna, of eight Carriage and fourteen Swivel Guns, and 210 Men, between the Orkneys and Shetland, in the Sound; but was afterwards ransom'd for 225 l. and is since arriv'd at Liverpool. The said Privateer took the same Day three other English Prizes, bound from Denmark for London, and carry'd them into Dunkirk.

The Rachel, Wederborne from South-Carolina for Oporto, is taken by a Spanish Privateer and carried into Galicia.

The Concord, ——, from Dumfries for Hambourg; the Christian, ——, from Dantzick for Newport; and the Hopewell, Johnson, from Rhode-Island for Holland; are all taken by the French and carried into Dunkirk.

The Riga Merchant, Harwell, from Newcastle to Riga, is taken by a French Privateer, and carried into Dunkirk.

The Mary, Tobin, from Cork to Oporto, is taken by the Spaniards and carried into Vigo.

Letters by the Flanders Mail import, that his Majesty's Ship the Newcastle had taken a French Ship from Alexandria for Marseilles, being richly laden, she having on board upwards of 90,000 Dollars in Specie, and her other Cargo, consisting of Drugs, &c. is valued at 30,000 l. Sterling; and that another English Ship of War had taken a French Ship, richly laden with Silk, Fruit, &c. from Smyrna, bound to Marseilles, and carried her into Genoa.

Monday arriv'd a Mail from Lisbon, by which we have Advice, that the Fame Privateer, Capt. Comyns, and the Winchelsea, Capt. Gerrard, were both arriv'd there, and brought in with them the following Prizes, viz. L'Esperence, Capt. Le Pellitier, laden with Wine, &c. and the St. Joseph, Capt. Leisin, from Martinico, with Sugar, Cotton, &c. and that the Winchelsea, Capt. Gerard, sail'd from Lisbon again on a Cruize the 2d of June, N. S.

The Pompey, Capt. Hassock, from Jamaica and Fial, is arriv'd at Portsmouth; which Ship spoke with Captain Cornish, of the King William Privateer of Bristol, about ten Leagues out of Soundings, who had taken a Privateer Sloop, with 40 Men, and had six of the Men on board his Ship.—He also spoke with the Success Privateer, belonging to Jersey, off the Eddistone.

On Tuesday came Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Rippon, commanded by Capt. Reinton, (who was the Person dispatch'd home by Admiral Vernon, in the Triumph Snow, with an Account of his Success at Porto Bello) had taken and carried into Jamaica, a Spanish Register Ship, call'd the Conde Chesson, of between 5 and 600 Tons, and 300 Men, bound from Cadiz to Vera Cruz; she was Consort to that carried some time ago into Barbadoes. Her Cargo cost 400,000 Dollars in Old Spain, and she had afterwards 1200 Chests of Quick-silver put on board her. —— The third Ship, which sail'd from Cadiz with these two, was under the Guns at Martinico; and narrowly watch'd by some of our Men of War.

We are inform'd that a small Privateer of Jersey (which was formerly a Man of War's Long Boat) has taken four or five small French Coasting Vessels, laden with different Commodities, and carry'd them safe into the said Island.

The Greyhound Privateer, Capt. Jenkins, has taken and brought into Weymouth the Postillion, of Bilboa, Jacob Groof, Master, from Amsterdam.

The Eagle Privateer has taken five Sail of French Fishing Boats, near Dieppe, with their Crews, being 34 Men, and carry'd them into Dover. The French sent out a large Buss full of Soldiers in order to take the Eagle; but she pepper'd them so heartily, that they made more haste back than they did to come out. The Eagle is since sail'd on another Cruize.

Thursday se'nnight a Court of Admiralty was held at Doctors Commons, before Sir Henry Penrice, when the Medea, a French Man of War of 586 Tons, taken by his Majesty's Ships the Dreadnought and Grampus Sloop, was condemn'd as a legal Prize; as was likewise the St. Francis, a French Prize of great Value, taken by the Monmouth Man of War.

On Tuesday was held a Court of Admiralty at Doctors-Commons, when the Holy Virgin, a Spanish Prize of great Value, taken by the Hampshire Man of War, was condemn'd as a legal Capture.

The same Day the St. Omer, Rochelle, and Fleury, three French Prizes, taken by his Majesty's Ships the Squirrel, Saphire and Anglesea, were condemn'd as lawful Captures.

Extract of a Letter from Dunkirk, dated June 5.

'Our Camp here, which consisted of 18,000 Men, is 'now broke up; 10,000 of which will be draughted 'out in a few Days, in order to be sent to the Nether-'lands, and the rest will be quarter'd in Places adjacent, 'to be ready on any Occasion. Since the Beginning of 'the War twenty-two Sail of English Ships have been 'brought in here. Great Quantities of Arms, Powder, 'and other Ammunition, are daily sent here, but for 'what Reason none can tell. There are upwards of '600 British Seamen Prisoners who expect daily to be 'sent to England.

'P. S. Three Privateers of twelve Carriage Guns 'each sail'd out of this Port on Sunday last; their 'Names are, the Royal Dame, the Christian, and the 'St. Omer; all which carry 116 Men each, and are 'suppos'd to be sail'd Northwards.'

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, dated June 6.

'The Northumberland Man of War, which is taken 'and carried into Brest, is one of the finest 70 Gun 'Ships in the Navy: 'Tis generally reported here, that 'the Loss of her is owing to the hasty Return of the 'Fleet to Spithead, and neglecting to cruize off Ushant, 'or any where else, to prevent our Ships falling into 'the Enemy's Hands. All the Squadron is now at 'Spithead and in our Harbour, which we think very 'strange at this Juncture. Admiral Lestock came on 'Shore last Sunday, and continues at his House: We 'don't here when he will go to London. A Pri-'vateer bought here, and sent out on a Cruize, has 'taken a French Privateer, and carried her into Fal-'mouth; in their Way they saw a large Fleet of Ships, 'which they suppose to be the Brest Squadron.'

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, June 9. The King has been pleased to grant unto John Newcome, Doctor in Divinity, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Rochester, void by the Promotion of Dr. William Barnard, late Dean thereof, to the See of Raphoe in the Kingdom of Ireland.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint Thomas Winnerwood, Esq; one of the Commissioners, in Quality of a principal Officer, of the Navy, for the Affairs of his Majesty's Yards at Deptford and Woolwich.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Charles Hardy, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Jersey, to be Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Newfoundland in America, the Fort and Garrison of Placentia, and all other Forts and Garrisons erected and to be erected in that Island.

Ostend, June 14, N. S. By a Deserter just now come into Town we learn, that the French had not yet broken Ground before Ypres. Letters from Paris mention, that Admiral Matthews has destroy'd eleven Xebeques in Gremont, three Leagues from Marseilles; the Troops which were on board got ashore.

Whitehall, June 12. The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Edward Trelawny, Esq; Governor of his Majesty's Island of Jamaica in America, to be Colonel of a Regiment of Foot to be forthwith rais'd for his Majesty's Service.

Admiralty-Office, June 12. His Majesty's Consul General at Lisbon has receiv'd a Letter, dated the 14th of February 1743, from Capt. David Cheap, late Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Wager, cast away in the South-Sea in May 1741, advising of his being in good Health at Santiago in Chili, together with Lieut. Thomas Hamilton, of Col. Lowther's Regiment of Marines, and two Midshipmen; one of them is Mr. Biron, Brother to Lord Biron; and that they met with very honourable Treatment from the President of Chili.

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